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HOUSE RESOLUTION 127
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A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Jeff Fisher and the 1999-2000
Super Bowl XXXIV Champion Tennessee
Titans.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports franchises that, as a result of their magnificent on-the-field achievements, are a great source of pride for all Tennesseans and serve as exceptional representatives of this state; and

WHEREAS, this new millennium has brought with it the grand finale of an outstanding season for one such remarkable Tennessee sports team; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, the then-named Tennessee Oilers made their grand entrance on the sports scene in Memphis as this state's first entry in the prestigious National Football League; and

WHEREAS, Coach Fisher and the team endured a period of transition en route to the opening of the 1999-2000 season, which ushered in the dawn of a new era for the newly

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anointed Titans, replete with new uniforms and a new home, and the state-of-the-art Adelphia Coliseum; and

WHEREAS, this season, Coach Jeff Fisher and his Titans have earned respect throughout the sporting world as one of the preeminent franchises in the National Football League; and

WHEREAS, led by star running back Eddie George and quarterback Steve McNair on offense, and safety Blaine Bishop and end Javon Kearse on defense, to name a few, the Titans handily defeated two of the NFL's best teams, the Rams once and the division rival Jaguars twice, en route to a 13-3 regular season record; and

WHEREAS, in first-round playoff action against the Buffalo Bills, Titans fans witnessed to one of the most dramatic games in NFL history as Frank Wycheck's lateral to Kevin Dyson with 16 seconds left in regulation play enabled Dyson to race 75 yards for the winning score, 22-16; and

WHEREAS, this "Miracle in Music City" was witnessed by fans throughout the sporting world, as stunned but joyous Tennessee fans celebrated this Titanic win over the equally shocked Bills; and

WHEREAS, in round two of the playoffs, the Titans hit the road for the RCA Dome in Indianapolis to take on the Colts; the Tennessee defense stymied Indy and their "Big Three" of Peyton Manning, Edgerin James and Marvin Harrison, en route to a "lassoing" of the Colts, while Eddie George gained for 162 yards on offense; and

WHEREAS, the AFC Championship Game was a battle for the ages as Coach Jeff Fisher's troops escaped the "Jungle", also known as Alltel Stadium, with a "declawing" of the Jacksonville Jaguars; and

WHEREAS, the victory was the third this season for the Titans over Jacksonville, a team most NFL experts called the "best in the NFL"; and

WHEREAS, 40,000 delirious fans greeted the victorious Titans at Adelphia Coliseum upon their return from Jacksonville, as Owner Bud Adams and the team proudly displayed the Lamar Hunt Trophy, presented by Mr. Hunt to the AFC champions; some 40 years ago, Mr. Adams and Lamar Hunt founded the American Football Conference in the basement of Mr. Adams' home; and

WHEREAS, Coach Fisher has made his mark on professional football during his brief tenure at the helm of the Titans with a career 48-41 record despite the trials and tribulations of the Nomadic Titans, who have played in three different cities and four different stadiums in four years; his calm demeanor and ability to motivate his players are quickly earning him recognition as one of the best young coaching minds in all of football; and

WHEREAS, the Titans' incredibly successful season has won them the undying loyalty and respect of their fans; they were duly recognized in the singularly most prestigious athletic event in the NFL; the team demonstrated their championship abilities in Super Bowl XXXIV against the St. Louis Rams on January 30, 2000, winning the coveted NFL championship; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee fans from far and wide will be basking in the euphoria of the Titans' inaugural season for many years to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby congratulate Coach Jeff Fisher and the 1999-2000 Super Bowl XXXIV Champion Tennessee Titans football team, and extend to them our best wishes in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.